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# **NEW LEAGUE YET**

**May Join Connecticut Baseball Association Later—Four Team Schedule Adopted at Willimantic Meeting—Umpires Soon to be Announced—Norwich Baseball Dates—Other Sports.**

(Special to The Bulletin.)

Willimantic, April 26.—The magistrates of the Connecticut Baseball Association held a long session in the mayor's office in the town building on Tuesday afternoon. Those present were President D. P. Dunn, Vice President Charles Humphrey of New London, Secretary George J. Fisher of Middletown, Treasurer D. J. Hayes of Norwich, Charles L. Burdick of Middletown, Bob O'Connell of New Haven, representing Rockville and allied interests, John J. Stone of Norwich, adviser of Magnate Hayes, Maj. John Manley of this city and three local newspapermen.

The meeting was called to order by President Dunn and the reading of the minutes of the last meeting were approved. It was voted to pay the bill for the printing of the copy of the constitution and by-laws and also that each club should remit a certain sum to the secretary immediately.

**Opening Will Be on May 11.**

Owing to the great difficulty that Middletown has experienced in obtaining grounds which has been obviated by Secretary Fisher giving up his beautiful family orchard right across the street from the league office and transforming same into an up to date ball ground. It was at first thought that the opening of the league might have to be deferred for a few days, but after talking the matter over it was decided to open on schedule time, May 11, and a couple of games will be transferred if necessary to allow Middletown to get everything shipshape.

As there was no representative present from Meriden, the six club contemplated, the magistrates present adopted a four-league team schedule, and in the place of Meriden coming in same will be changed to a six-team schedule.

The schedule arrangement consumed a long time before it proved satisfactory to all concerned and Mr. Burdick will have same perfected and published as soon as possible. The schedule as far as Norwich is concerned is printed herewith.

Mr. O'Connell has arranged with Secretary Fisher of the Middletown club to rent him 1,500 circus seats for Middletown's new baseball ground, and he is able to start the season on time.

The meeting adopted the Spaulding league ball—the best that the market makes—and Secretary Fisher will communicate with that firm at once.

**Main Players Already Signed.**

All the magistrates present, with the exception of Mayor Dunn, reported a wealth of material already signed and the mayor said he will sign his candidates on deck when the time for the opening arrived.

**To Name Umpires Soon.**

The umpires have been signed—two regulars and a substitute—and they are all from Willimantic so said Dennis Hayes. President Dunn has the appointment of the umpires will announce his official selection within a day or two. John J. Curran, the old-time first baseman of this city, has

**Settlement Between Murray and Phillips.**

Philadelphia, April 26.—The claim of William J. Murray against the Philadelphia Athletics has been settled.

## **FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.**

**SHIFTING PRICE MOVEMENT**

Indicates Nervous Temper in Speculation—Record Gold Engagements for London.

New York, April 26.—A nervous temper in the speculation is indicated by the sudden and violent shifts in the price movement which stocks are undergoing. The severe decline which occurred on Monday were almost entirely recovered in a convulsive advance at the opening today, reflecting the unwillingness of the bears to maintain the position they had taken for short, said the market before the demand from the bears was, at first, a simple profit taking movement, apparently in the hope of finding increased offerings of stock as a result of the alarming reports of damage to the cotton crop by the cold wave. The offering proved much less than was anticipated and the violent effect on prices followed from this cause. Quotations for cotton and grain, when they were received, negated the idea of disastrous damage to the crops, such as had been implied, and the recovery movement by the bears was then extended. Aggressive buying of United States steel and revised reports that the dividend was to be increased helped on the recovery with the assumption that important inside interests were supporting that stock. The bulls also made the most of the reduction in price paid for government eagles by the Bank of England, and the assumption that this implied a cessation of the gold export movement. When the demand from the uncovered buyers satisfied those long of stocks began to feel the same disinclination to maintain their position and the price moved downward again with their efforts to realize profits.

To a degree the color of the news varied in a manner to keep pace with the fluctuating demand for stocks. The reassuring effort on sentiment of the decline in cotton and grain prices passed away to some extent with the publication of water forecasts for the continuance and the extension of the cold wave. The tone of the weather bureau's weekly bulletin gave a serious view of the situation as to awaken renewed anxiety.

The addition of \$2,000,000 to the engagements of gold for shipment to London tomorrow brought the total for the week to \$14,500,000, which continues a record output for one week, with the single exception of the week ending May 1, 1904, when \$15,350,000 was shipped to London in payment for the Panama canal.

Call loan rates here were but a trifle firmer in the late afternoon, but the strong movement to stock exchange sentiment. The change from early belief that the movement was ended to the prospect of further gold shipments was an element in the later transformation of speculative sentiment. Its extreme unsettledness was exemplified by still another covered price movement by the shorts, as a result of which prices ended the day midway between the high and low prices of the movement.

The United States Steel dividend action and the quarterly statement published after the stock market closed threw no light on its action.

Bonds were easy. Total sales, par value, \$1,390,000. United States two registered advances closing bid 103 1/2, in the bid price on call.

Rate.	High.	Low.	Close.
100 Am. Ch. & N. Ry.	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Coal & Oil	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Cotton Oil	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Gas	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Iron & Steel	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Lumber	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Paper	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Rubber	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Sugar	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Tobacco	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
100 Am. Wool	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2

**NEW YORK COTTON.**

New York, April 26.—Cotton spot closed quiet, middling upland 15.25, middling upland 15.50, sales 5,655 bales. Futures closed steady. Closing bids: April 14.87, May 14.77, June 14.62, July 14.46, August 14.36, September 14.20, October 14.08, November 13.94, December 13.82, January 13.69, February 13.54, March 13.40.

Wharft.	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
Barley	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
Oats	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
Corn	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
Soybeans	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
Flour	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
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Soybeans	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4
Flour	100 1/2	101 1/4	100 3/4	100 3/4

Philadelphia National league baseball club was adjourned here today at a meeting between the club and the local magistrates. The meeting was held at the National league, former Manager Murray and officials of the local club. The meeting was held at the National league, former Manager Murray and officials of the local club. The meeting was held at the National league, former Manager Murray and officials of the local club.

## **ACADEMY NINE PRACTICES ON WET DIAMOND.**

**Plainfield High Will Be Opponents This Afternoon—Gallivan and Byles Opposing Twirlers.**

A wet diamond did not deter the Academy squad from a little baseball practice on Tuesday, from getting a chance to prepare for meeting the Plainfield High school nine this afternoon. Coach Nutzman had the boys out for a short session, keeping them limbered up on the plays that are counted upon to win games during the coming season. The good batting eye that the squad is developing is the reason for much confidence in the N. A.'s ability to get a majority of winning scores this year, and they do not intend to let the school boys from Plainfield stop them at this stage of the game.

Plainfield has a twirler named Byles who has shown form, but the Academy will have Jack Gallivan in the box, so that this for the up-state boys ought to be scarce. The following will probably be the lineup:

Academy—Murray 2b, Hendrick (captain), 1b, Crows 3b, Crocker 2b, Gallivan p, J. Ricketts rf, P. Ricketts cf, Rembert of Plainfield High, Burpee lf, Mathewson 2b, Byles p, Wasserman ss, Tyler 3b, Williams cf, Sullivan 1b, Wibberly or Ladd rf, Leonard c.

**Windham A. C.'s Top Notch Card.**

One of the last cards for the season to be put on the auspices of the Windham Athletic club will be given this evening. There are a couple of the preliminary events arranged and the main event of the evening will be a wrestling match between Sam Anderson, the middleweight champion of the world, and Abdullah the Turk, who weighs 200 pounds and has been meeting with fine success of late in throwing all comers in and around Boston. The Webster matches have been postponed.

**Challenge from Academy Independents**

The Academy Independents have organized and challenged the River-Wilson of Greenville, challenges the Mr. Pleasant school team, the River-side grammar school team, the City and all other teams of their size. The Independents line up: McKay c, Benjamin p, W. K. Ricketts 2b, S. Crows 3b, McGinnis 3b, E. Billis cf, Mullen rf. The Independents play the Greenville grammar school Friday.

**Hoppe Beats His Own Record.**

Milton MacDonald, a well known soda fountain midget, whose bowling nom de plume is Willie Hoppe, finished his duckpin records on a local alley Tuesday evening by throwing in three successive strings. Hoppe smashed a bowling ball of 90 to start with, made it 104 on the second string and topped off with 128. Hoppe is a right hand twirler in his delivery, but his curve gets the big strings when it is breaking right.

**Scorers for City League.**

J. E. Brown of Rockville was chosen one of the scorers for the Norwich City league at the meeting Monday night, in place of George Donovan, who declined the appointment. Henry A. Congdon will be the other official keeper of the records.

**Hardigs Out With Challenge.**

The Hardigs of the West Side would like to play the Frank De Barrows team Sunday afternoon at the West side. Line-up: Swartzburg c, O'Brien p, Sullivan 1b, Ahearn 2b, Murphy 3b, Shugrue cf, Rosdon of Ryan rf, Hyman lf.

**3,500 Chilled Spectators at Aqueduct.**

Aqueduct, N. Y., April 26.—The cold raw wind chilled the 3,500 spectators who turned out to witness the racing at Aqueduct today. The horses dried out considerably during the morning and the going was fairly good, though a trifle slow.

Team.	W.	L.	P.	P.C.
Philadelphia	7	1	0	.875
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750
Chicago	6	2	0	.750
New York	5	3	0	.625
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625
Brooklyn	4	4	0	.500
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375

**Glants Win in Ninth.**

New York, April 26.—The Glants won in the ninth inning of the game with the Yankees today. The Glants won in the ninth inning of the game with the Yankees today. The Glants won in the ninth inning of the game with the Yankees today.

**Langford and Ketchel in Six-Round Bout at Philadelphia.**

Fight promoters will look a long while until they find two men of the caliber of Langford and Ketchel. The bout was a real battle, with both men showing great skill and courage. The fight was a real battle, with both men showing great skill and courage.

**Sluggers Hook Up Tonight.**

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**Two Men Whose Baseball Careers Have Been Excellent.**

Two players have been released by two American league clubs this spring who are of the type that professional baseball can ill afford to lose. They are Willie Ketchel and George Davis. Ketchel and Davis are two men in the history of the national game whose careers as players and as sports have been straightforward, manly and honest with the public. From the outset, they have been men who have given the best of the effort to the clubs with which they have been connected. Their careers have been marked by a series of brilliant plays and a series of brilliant plays.

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Buffalo	9	3	0	.750
Baltimore	8	4	0	.667
Trenton	7	5	0	.583
Hartford	6	6	0	.500
Providence	5	7	0	.417
Jersey	4	8	0	.333

**Leading Hitters in National.**

Devlin of New York and Magee of the Phillies are the leading hitters so far in the National league. The following are hitting 300 or better: Devlin, New York, 328; Magee, Philadelphia, 324; Needham, Chicago, 323; Doyle, New York, 320; J. B. Miller, Pittsburgh, 319; Grubbs, Boston, 318; Evers, Chicago, 317; Wagner, Pittsburgh, 317; Lennox, Brooklyn, 317; Hooten, Philadelphia, 316; Hooten, Cincinnati, 316; Beaumont, Chicago, 315; Chance, Chicago, 313; Phelps, St. Louis, 313; Schulte, Chicago, 313; Wheat, Brooklyn, 313; Downey, Cincinnati, 312; Steinfield, Chicago, 310.

**BITS OF BASEBALL.**

"After all," says the Washington Star, there is only one Hal Chase in the business.

Addie Joss and Cy Young the First have both pitched two no-hit games in the American league.

Catcher Stephens of the St. Louis Browns expects to be the receiver in every game for his team this season.

Eighteen errors in two successive games by Yale is going more than some in the line of fielding remissions.

President Ligon of the National league says "Bill" Powell will prove one of the pitching sensations of the year.

Manager Stallings of the New York Americans says Schultz, the university of Pennsylvania pitcher, will join his club in June.

"Ginger" Beaumont's legs seem to be all right from the way he hustles around the paths, says the New York Herald. "Ginger" used to play with Bridgeport.

The Cincinnati players complain of the state of visitors' dressing room at the West Side grounds in Chicago, saying that quarters are worse this spring than before.

The Giants have won four games and in each the hitting of a pitcher went toward landing the team. Mathewson, Wiltse, Marquard and Crandall came along with needful wallows.

Pittsburg's "find" of the season is Campbell, the outfielder secured from the Northwestern league. The injury to Wilgus, a score of 300, gave him a chance to show his good batting and fielding.

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